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To fulfill its tasks, the Academy:

1. Organizes and conducts research in all fields of science, with special emphasis upon problems of considerable importance for the development of Poland's science, economy, and culture.
2. Discusses the most important scientific problems at its scientific session.
3. Organizes national congresses, conferences, meetings, and scientific discussions, which point out the direction of scientific development in Poland.
4. Organizes international scientific meetings and participates in meetings organized in other countries.
5. Conducts publishing activities and, in particular, publishes the results of scientific research.
6. Educates cadres of scientific workers at its scientific research centers and confers science degrees according to the regulations in force; cooperates with other institutions in training cadres of scientific workers.
7. Sets the general direction for the propagation of knowledge throughout Polish society, organizes and conducts its own work in this field, and cooperates with other institutions.

Article 6

1. The Academy cooperates with state authorities in planning, organizing, and coordinating scientific research conducted by all Polish scientific centers.
2. For this purpose, the Academy:
  - (1) In accordance with the directives of the chief state authorities, works out plans for scientific research, including problems of special importance for the development of the national economy and culture.
  - (2) Works out long-range and annual plans for scientific research, conducted by its own scientific research centers.
  - (3) Presents its opinion of research projects for scientific centers under individual agencies to the Presidium of the Council of Ministers and interested authorities.
  - (4) Presents to the chief state authorities other recommendations concerning scientific research requirements and organizations, the planning of scientific research, management of scientific cadres, and the equipping of scientific institutions.
  - (5) Cooperates, within the limits stated in this statute, in supervising the scientific research work of centers not belonging to the Academy.
  - (6) Organizes authoritative scientific reports for the needs of the chief state authorities.

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Article 7

The Academy represents Polish science in its relation with state authorities, Polish society, and foreign scientific institutions.

Article 8

1. The Presidium of the Council of Ministers supervises the organization and activities of the Academy.

2. Independently of the privileges enumerated in the individual regulations of this statute, the Presidium issues general directives to the Academy and supervises their execution.

Article 9

The Academy has legal status.

Article 10

1. The seat of the Academy is the capital city of Warsaw.

2. The Academy may establish its own scientific centers outside of Warsaw.

Article 11

The Academy uses a round seal with the state symbol in the middle and an inscription including the name of the Academy on the circumference.

**Part 2. MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY**Article 12

1. The Academy is composed of the following members: honorary members, ordinary members, contributing members, and titular members.

2. All members are appointed by the General Assembly of the Academy upon nomination by the Academy Presidium.

Article 13

The procedure for appointing members, and especially the procedure for nominating candidates, is established by regulations proposed by the Academy Presidium and approved by the General Assembly.

Article 14

The first group of Academy members is appointed by the President of the Republic.

Article 15

Scientists from foreign countries may also be appointed as honorary members, ordinary members, and contributing members.

Article 16

Ordinary members and contributing members conduct scientific research according to the Academy's work plan, send annual reports on results achieved to the appropriate sections of the Academy, participate actively in other work

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undertaken by the Academy, and take part in the sessions of the General Assembly, the appropriate sections, and units. Titular members participate in the scientific sessions.

Article 17

An honorary member who has appointed from among the ordinary members or the contributing members retains all of the privileges of an ordinary member or contributing member.

Article 18

1. Ordinary members, contributing members, and titular members, are the recipients of continuous remuneration according to rules established by the Council of Ministers.

2. This remuneration is over and above that obtained for other services, and is tax-exempt.

Article 19

Members of the Academy enjoy all rights and privileges embodied in the regulations for scientific research workers.

Article 20

No professional position other than scientific research, work in higher education, or the positions of minister, under-secretary of state and their equivalents, may be occupied by an ordinary member, a corresponding member, or a titular member without the permission of the Academy Presidium.

Article 21

A member of the Academy may be excluded from the Academy for behavior unworthy of a scientist or contrary to the interests of the People's State.

Article 22

The regulations in articles 16, 18, 19 and 20 do not apply to foreigners who are members of the Academy.

## Part 3. INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF THE ACADEMY

## I. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 23

1. The chief organ of the Academy is the General Assembly.
2. The tasks of the General Assembly are the following:
  - (1) Establishment of directives for the research plan of projects especially important for the development of the national economy and culture.
  - (2) Establishment of directives for the scientific research work of the Academy.
  - (3) Discussion of especially important scientific problems at plenary scientific sessions.

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(4) Discussion of the periodic reports of the Academy Presidium concerning the activities of the Presidium and the status of Polish science, its development, and achievements.

(5) Decisions regarding suggestions by the Academy Presidium to establish new Academy sections, to make changes, and to liquidate those already in existence.

(6) Selection and recall of members in the Academy Presidium.

(7) Appointment of new Academy members.

(8) Decisions to exclude members from the Academy.

#### Article 24

1. All honorary members, ordinary members, and contributing members participate in the General Assembly.

2. Foreigners who are members of the Academy do not participate in voting.

#### Article 25

1. Sessions of the General Assembly take place at least once a year. They are called by the Academy Presidium, which also establishes the agenda. A chairman, or one of the deputy chairmen of the Academy, presides over the sessions of the General Assembly.

2. The Academy Presidium must call a session of the General Assembly upon the request of at least half the total number of ordinary members and contributing members. The session must take place within 30 days from the date that the proposal was submitted. The agenda of the General Assembly must include, in such a case, the matters enumerated in the proposal.

3. The order in which sessions of the General Assembly are called and take place is defined in the regulations approved by the General Assembly at the suggestion of the Academy Presidium.

### II. THE ACADEMY PRESIDUM

#### Article 26

The Academy Presidium is composed of the following members: (1) the chairman of the Academy; (2) the deputy chairmen; (3) the research secretary and his deputies; (4) the secretaries of the Academy sections; and (5) other members of the Presidium.

#### Article 27

1. Only an ordinary member may be chairman of the Academy. The remaining members of the Academy Presidium may be appointed from among regular members and contributing members.

2. Appointment and recall of members of the Academy Presidium are subject to the approval of the President of the Republic.

3. The first group of members of the Academy Presidium is appointed by the President of the Republic for a period of 3 years.

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The Academy Presidium is chosen for 3 years. The retiring Presidium, however, continues its activities until these activities are taken over by the new Presidium.

Article 29

1. The following are the functions of the Academy Presidium:

- (1) General supervision over all matters related to the activities of the Academy and all of its centers.
- (2) Representation of the Academy before the chief state authorities.
- (3) Approval of draft plans for scientific research especially important for the development of the national economy and culture, enactment of research plans for the Academy's scientific centers, approval of a collective plan for the Academy's scientific research, and issuance of opinions on research plans of other scientific centers.
- (4) Approval of plans for scientific publications by the sections, and enactment of a collective plan for the scientific publications of the Academy.
- (5) Work on suggestions concerning the requirements and organization of science, planning of scientific research, management of scientific cadres, and equipping of scientific institutions.
- (6) Establishment of the Academy's scientific centers at the suggestion of appropriate sections, approval of detailed plans for scientific research by these centers, and supervision over the fulfillment of these plans.
- (7) Preparation of the proposed budget for the Academy, and supervision of the execution of the budget and of the whole management of the Academy.
- (8) Coordination of work by the sections, scientific research committees, and scientific research centers of the Academy.
- (9) Other matters, ensuing from the work of the Academy, which are not within the jurisdiction of other organs.

2. Regulations, established by the Academy Presidium, prescribe the detailed functions of the Presidium, the procedure for election to the Presidium and the number of its membership, the division of work among members, and the procedure for Presidium action.

Article 30

1. The following are continuously officiating members of the Academy Presidium: the chairman, the scientific research secretary, his deputies, and the secretaries of sections. When necessary, the Presidium appoints additional continuously officiating members.

2. Remunerations for continuously officiating members of the Academy Presidium are established by the Government Presidium.

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1. The Presidium executes its tasks with the aid of the Academy Secretariat, which is directed by the scientific research secretary. The Secretariat consists of scientific research workers and administrative workers.
2. The administrative director of the Academy is the deputy to the scientific research secretary in affairs of administration and management, within a sphere established by the scientific research secretary.
3. The Secretariat's internal organization and detailed field of activities are standardized by regulations established by the Academy Presidium.

III. THE ACADEMY SECTIONSArticle 32

1. Each Academy member is a member of a section, depending upon his scientific specialty; it is permissible to be a member of more than one section simultaneously.
2. The act of appointment determines the Academy section to which a member belongs.

Article 33

1. The following Academy sections are hereby created:

Section I - Social Sciences (philosophy, history, philology, literature, art, economics, law).

Section II - Biological Sciences (biology, agricultural, forestry, medical, and veterinary sciences).

Section III - Mathematical-Physical, Chemical, and Geological-Geographic Sciences (mathematics, astronomy, physics, chemistry, and geological-geographic sciences).

Section IV - Technological Sciences.

2. The creation of new sections and the transformation and liquidation of existing sections is accomplished by a resolution of the General Assembly, offered at the proposal of the Academy Presidium.
3. The General Assembly, at the proposal of the Academy Presidium assigns the individual sciences to the appropriate sections.

Article 34

Sections may be divided into subsections which include the individual groups of sciences within the sections. Subsections are units auxiliary to sections.

Article 35

The following are the functions of a section:

1. Control over the development of research included in the section's sphere of operations.

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2. General scientific direction and supervision over the Academy's scientific research centers within the section's sphere of operations and coordination of their activities.

3. Preparation of a plan for research work, conducted within the framework of the Academy's organization, in the sphere of the section's operations.

4. Preparation of plans for the section's scientific publications.

5. Review of reports on the scientific research of section members.

6. Discussion at section and subsection scientific sessions, organization of broad scientific discussions on especially important scientific problems, and the presentation of the results of the discussion to the Academy Presidium.

7. Preparation of scientific works for publication by the Academy in fields, and according to the procedure, established by the Academy Presidium.

8. Organization of scientific meetings and conferences.

9. Cooperation in the practical application of the results of scientific research and in the propagation of knowledge.

10. Nomination of candidates for section secretaries.

11. Execution of other work delegated by the Academy Presidium.

#### Article 36

1. The section secretary directs the current work of the section, calls plenary sessions and presides over them, prepares materials for deliberation, and executes the resolutions of the plenary sessions.

2. The section secretary fulfills his duties with the aid of a secretariat, which he directs. The secretariat consists of scientific research workers and administrative workers.

#### Article 37

1. Regulations established by the Academy Presidium set the standards for the detailed organization of sections, the division of sections into subsections, and the organization of secretariats.

2. The Academy Presidium establishes procedures for the functions of the sections and subsections as well as a detailed field of activities for section secretaries.

### IV. ACADEMY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

#### Article 38

1. Scientific research committees may be attached to Academy sections. A scientific research committee is created by a resolution of the Academy Presidium.

2. The functions of a scientific research committee are:

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(1) Cooperation in the drawing up of plans for scientific research to be conducted by scientific research centers under the Academy's organization and under individual ministerial departments.

(2) Cooperation in the coordination of the activities of scientific centers, mentioned under Point (1).

(3) Cooperation in the preparation of general plans for scientific publications in fields included in the operations of the committee.

(4) Assuming the initiative in supplementing the network of scientific centers and in their organization.

#### Article 39

1. A scientific research committee consists of Academy members, other scientific research workers, and representatives from interested departments and economic and social organizations.

2. Regulations established by the Academy Presidium define the organization of the individual scientific research committees, their composition, the method of appointing members, the method of linking them with other Academy organs, and the procedure for activities.

#### Article 40

Academy commissions may be appointed if necessary for the purpose of fulfilling designated tasks. The Academy Presidium appoints these commissions by resolution.

### V. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CENTERS

#### Article 41

1. The Academy organizes and conducts a network of its own scientific research centers, both independent and auxiliary. Their task is to conduct scientific research work, disseminate knowledge, train scientific cadres, and award scientific degrees in accordance with existing rules.

2. Academy centers may also be organized beyond the borders of the Republic of Poland.

#### Article 42

1. Independent scientific research centers are usually called institutes and function on the basis of organizational and financial independence within the general framework of the Academy's organization.

2. Independent scientific centers are established by the Academy Presidium.

3. By-laws handed down by the Academy Presidium regulate the organization of independent scientific centers and their area of activity. The Presidium of the Council of Ministers may grant legal status to a center.

#### Article 43

1. Auxiliary scientific research centers (pilot plants, workshops, laboratories, stations, etc.) function directly under sections and within the area of section organization. Under exceptional circumstances, the Academy Presidium may establish an auxiliary center functioning separately from any Academy section.

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2. The Academy Presidium creates auxiliary scientific research centers and establishes their spheres of competence and methods of functioning.

Article 44

1. After an understanding with the appropriate minister, or upon designation by the Presidium of the Council of Ministers, the Academy may assume general scientific supervision over all or part of the work of scientific research centers not belonging to the Academy. In such an event, the Academy Presidium appoints the appropriate Academy organ to carry out the supervision.

2. Using the procedure established in Paragraph 1, supervision over Polish scientific centers in foreign countries may also be delegated to the Academy. In such cases, the Academy Presidium may create local committees to look after these centers.

Part 4. PLANNING OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND PROGRESS REPORTArticle 45

The Academy Presidium approves, by resolution, drafts of plans for scientific research especially important for the development of the national economy and culture. These plans must agree with the directives of the Presidium of the Council of Ministers, and of the General Assembly. They are based on materials supplied by the State Economic Planning Commission and the appropriate departments and on recommendations of sections, scientific research committees, Academy centers, and individual Academy members. These plans are approved by the Council of Ministers.

Article 46

1. Detailed long-range and annual plans are drawn up for scientific research on the basis of a research program especially important for the development of the national economy and culture (see Article 45).

2. Detailed plans for scientific research are approved by (1) the Academy Presidium, for Academy centers; (2) the appropriate ministers, for the remaining scientific centers.

Article 47

The organs designated to approve the plans (see Article 46, Paragraph 2) control the fulfillment of detailed plans for scientific research. Such control, for centers not belonging to the Academy, may be delegated to the Academy according to the procedure outlined in Article 44.

Article 48

All scientific research centers participating in the fulfillment of the plan for research especially important for the development of the national economy and culture transmit to the Academy an annual report according to the appropriate procedure.

Article 49

Scientific research committees of the Academy cooperate with scientific research centers belonging to the Academy and with other departments in coordinating and fulfilling these plans. This cooperation takes place without infringement upon the jurisdiction of the organs appointed to approve the plans.

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Article 50

The Academy prepares, submits to the Presidium of the Council of Ministers and publishes reports on the development of Polish scientific research.

## Part 5. ACADEMY WORKERS

Article 51

1. Scientific research workers and administrative workers, employed at the Academy, are state employees. Therefore, the general regulations concerning state employees apply to them, with the exception of changes resulting from this Law.

2. Scientific research workers employed by the Academy are under the regulations pertaining to scientific research workers; administrative workers are subject to the law regulating the state civil service.

Article 52

Appointment and release of directors of Academy scientific research centers and of independent scientific research workers employed by the Academy and its centers are within the jurisdiction of the Academy Presidium.

Article 53

Regulations established by the Academy Presidium define the positions in which scientific research workers should be employed and the procedure for appointing and releasing scientific research assistants and administrative workers.

## Part 6. FINAL REGULATIONS

Article 54

1. The Academy budget is an integral part of the central State budget.
2. The Presidium of the Council of Ministers may issue detailed regulations on matters concerning the Academy's property and budgetary and financial management which are applicable to the special conditions of the Academy's activity.

Article 55

1. The Council of Ministers will issue regulations necessary to implement the organization of scientific research on the basis of the regulations included in this Law.
2. These regulations will cover the assumption by the Academy of the functions, equipment, and property of those institutions whose activities now fall into the Academy's sphere.

Article 56

The regulations mentioned in Article 29, Paragraph 2; Article 31, Paragraph 3; Article 37, Paragraph 1; Article 39, Paragraph 2; and Article 53; the resolutions in Article 33, Paragraph 2; Article 38, Paragraph 1; Article 40, Article 42, Paragraph 2; and the by-laws mentioned in Article 42, Paragraph 3 all require approval by the Presidium of the Council of Ministers.

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• Article 57

The Chairman of the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Higher Schools and Science and other ministers, are charged with the implementation of this law.

Article 58

The law becomes effective on the day it is published.

B. Bierut, President of the Republic

J. Cyrankiewicz, Chairman of the Council of Ministers

A. Rapacki, Minister of Higher Schools and Science

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